

In the heart of the Appalachian Coalfields, in the heart of Logan County, West Virginia, its County Seat, the City of Logan, has been rightly proclaimed "A Purple Heart City." Through the decades and by the thousands, the men and women of this patriotic town and from throughout this county have freely enlisted their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor to further the cause begun with the "shot heard 'round the World."

The Proclamation honors the service and sacrifice of those who have received a Purple Heart. Our service men and women and veterans, many of whom are honorably represented by Logan's Chapter 733 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, are revered by the citizens of the City of Logan and those in the County at large.

The great cost, the blood lost, will never have been in vain within these city limits. Mr. Speaker, the honor and respect paid to those in uniform and those now in the ranks of our veterans is supreme and as about as united as you are going to get in these United States of America.

As Logan Mayor Serafino J. Nolletti's Proclamation states, "the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from the City of Logan who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens."

Nor, Mr. Speaker, does the service to our Nation end for the West Virginia veteran with his muster out pay. Not by any stretch of the imagination. Our veterans continue to contribute to their community through their faithful work in their churches and service within the many charitable organizations to which they belong. Their selfless work is the mortar that so securely binds our Republic together.

That most certainly includes the dedicated commitment of the officers of Chapter 733: Charles Baisden, Commander; Troy Varney, Senior Vice Commander; Charles Frye, Finance Officer; and Larry Thompson, Sergeant at Arms.

In creating the military honor that preceded today's Purple Heart, General Washington issued an order that closed with these words: "The road to glory in a patriot army and free country is thus open to all." Mr. Speaker, my fellow colleagues, if the veterans and Purple Heart recipients in Logan, West Virginia, have any say in the matter, and I assure you they will, the road to glory will always be open to all in a free United States of America.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REVEREND DR. SHELLIE SAMPSON

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 28, 2014, the Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York & Vicinity led by President Reverend James D. Morrison paid tribute to late Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson, who presided over the conference as president until his untimely passing, which occurred on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 20, 2014.

It is with great honor that I am able to say that Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson was a true disciple of the Lord and messenger of the

word. He combined the power of education with the power of divinity to manifest perfection and excellence. Dr. Sampson earned it the old fashion way, because he was led by God and destined to lead others. The Book of Proverbs, Chapter 16, Verse 9 states, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."

Biblically literate and centered, Dr. Sampson brought down the walls of Jericho, and removed all the obstacles by raising and developing his leadership through ongoing training and learning at the highest level. Book of John, Chapter 13, Verses 13–17 also states, "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

Reverend Dr. Sampson was guided by these teachings during his 30 years of pastoral service to Thessalonía Baptist Church and his devoted leadership to the Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York and Vicinity. Therefore, it is our firm belief that the Creator sets a clear path for each of us to follow, and the path paved by Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson, Jr. will allow so many to benefit from his commitments. Great men like our beloved husband, father, grandfather and Pastor are precious gifts we temporarily have in this world, but their assistance, contributions and accomplishments will be far remembered and everlasting and define him as a true patriot of an American Dream well lived.

I am including into the RECORD Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson's obituary which was read during his Going Home Services.

Shellie Sampson was born on December 15, 1940 in the central region of Newark, New Jersey. As the eldest of three children to the late Shellie Sampson and Lillian Brinson, he placed a high value on education and led a life characterized by profound spiritual insight, hard work, tenacity, and the relentless pursuit of excellence. While growing up in Newark, he took advantage of the opportunities before him and used his resources to become a man of distinction who would leave an enduring legacy.

Shellie Sampson graduated from Central High School with honors in science, history, music, and distance running. He went on to attend Rutgers University dual majoring in chemistry and natural science before earning a Bachelor's of Arts in natural science. He worked diligently even while being one of few Black Americans to attend Rutgers. During a time of tumultuousness and racial upheaval, he persevered in spite of discrimination from professors and hostility towards African Americans. Following his bachelor's degree, assured of the unquestionable spiritual call upon his life, he attended Drew University where he earned a Master's of Divinity and a Doctorate in Ministry of Christian Education. At the same time that he was yielding to the spiritual call, there was an equally great intellectual fervor continuing to grow within him. He was accepted to New York University where he pursued Urban Studies and all coursework leading to a doctorate degree. After the program had been eliminated, he transferred to Temple University where he gained far beyond what he imagined. Choosing to start from the beginning of his doctorate, he was able to

study the latest research that would provide him with the tools he needed to produce his own original, cutting-work. Dr. Sampson gained mastery in areas beyond his particular discipline, integrating Urban Studies, Psychology, Black Studies, History, Sociology, and Education. In 2007, at 66 years old he had completed coursework for his third doctorate and earned a Ph.D. in Urban Education and Psychology. Within the University, some of the most highly esteemed scholars commented that they were astounded by the depth of his intellectual contributions to fields that were not his own. His departments began his dissertation as the model for all subsequent doctoral theses and asked him to provide a list of every title in his personal library at home. Based on his inquiries and insights, additional courses were added to the curriculum to further enhance the program. These accolades were in addition to seminars he attended at MIT and Princeton University.

Not only was Dr. Sampson a man of keen spiritual insight and intellectual prowess, but he had an unwavering commitment to his high school sweetheart. At age 15, he met Deloranzo Paschal at Central High School, and after looking up her academic records in the school office, he determined that she was the kind of woman that he wanted to date. For their first date, he took her to see the "The Ten Commandments," and was then certain that they shared a common vision and passion for God. As their love blossomed, he proposed to her and even waited while she pursued her dream of entering military service as Air Force personnel. In 1960, they were married in Bloomfield. They have six sons and three daughters. Dr. Sampson was a devoted father who worked tirelessly to provide his family with the best education, well-rounded extracurricular activities and diverse life experiences: Above all else, he taught them that God and education were the keys to success. Because of his ambitions and standards of excellence, his family now includes leaders in the following fields: educational leadership, pastoral visionary, law, counseling, civil service, music conducting, early childhood, elementary and higher education, public relations, veterinary medicine, public health, medical assistance, chemical engineering, cross cultural studies, computer engineering, fashion marketing, animal science, communications, media and music technology and performance.

The success that Dr. Sampson's family achieved is the result of the hand of God upon his life. It began when he accepted Christ in his heart while playing the organ as a teenager. At the risk of embarrassing his pastor, he was honest with himself and with God, responding to the altar call because he wanted to know God as his Lord and Savior. From that very moment, Dr. Sampson yielded to the Holy Spirit and began to center his life on his newfound spiritual identity from church activities, to vacation, to times of prayer with his family. He tenaciously pursued his purpose until January 20, 2014 when the Lord called him home.

He was blessed to have an impeccable academic record but also to have an impressive career as a chemist for Theobald Industries. He also worked as a microbiologist at Best Foods International and a Technological Supervisor in Packaging Engineering—Quality Control for Anheuser Busch. In most of his positions, he was one of few, if not the only African American working in the company. Although he frequently met with racial opposition, when he traded his career as a chemist for Anheuser Busch for the call of preparing people for God's Kingdom, the company was disappointed to see him go and promised him a job and benefits if he ever wanted to return. There was no question, as

for Dr. Sampson and his house, they would serve the Lord.

In the 1970s, Dr. Sampson was ordained and installed on the same day as Pastor of New Calvary Baptist Church in Montclair, New Jersey. Despite the arduous schedule, he worked, attended school, and pastored with his whole heart. While pastoring at New Calvary, he was invited to apply to serve as the interim headmaster at Covent Avenue Science Academy. He assumed the position and the Lord would continue to open doors for him, connecting him with various leaders who would recognize his gifting and invite him into more extensive church networks. Dr. Sampson served as the president of both the Shiloh Baptist Association Congress of New Jersey, as well as the Northern Baptist School of Religion of Newark. He was a guest instructor for the Eastern Baptist Association College Seminary Extension; a guest lecturer at Drew University School of Theology, and Executive Director of the Baptist Education Center of New York. In addition, he traveled with the NYC Religious Education Academic Foreign Studies Tours, traveling to WCC Geneva, Switzerland, Gregorian University, Rome and Hebrew University, and Israel.

After pastoring from 1970 to 1982 at New Calvary Baptist Church, he was called to Thessalonía Baptist Church and installed as the twelfth pastor in May, 1982. Dr. Sampson came with a vision that continues to grow even unto this day. His vision included major projects such as, the erection of the Cultural Community Center, which today is a multi-million-dollar communal faculty. Upon completion, the Center housed the following: South Bronx Leadership High School, the TIR Bookstore, church offices, a banquet hall, amphitheater, chapel, lower gallery with additional office space and over a dozen classrooms. Dr. Sampson was a strategic thinker who anticipated the future. In laying the plans for the building, he placed the elevator and handicap ramp at the intersection of the church and the new construction in order to provide access for seniors and disabled visitors. Dr. Sampson's strategic leadership led him to establish the Thessalonía Institute of Religion and the Thessalonía Academy, an elementary school designed to ground students in the Gospel and provide a rigorous academic curriculum. To date, the Academy has had over 50 graduates and more than 100 students, many of whom have gone on to attend prestigious boarding schools, colleges, and universities. Other endeavors include several renovations to the church building, food pantry, senior programs, adult education programs, feeding and clothing of the needy, Boy Scouts, youth ministry, annual church retreats, and the enhancement to the name: Thessalonía Worship Center.

In addition, writing was the hallmark of Dr. Sampson's life. Not only could he often be found feverishly inscribing notes in a

pocket notebook, but he always carried a pen and was ready to record the things that God was revealing to him. His discipline to write transferred to his roles in ministry. He was Editor-in-Chief for the National Baptist Christian Education Handbook and he wrote materials for church leadership, such as *Effective Techniques in Abuse Ministry: Handbook for youth education, Superior Leadership in Challenging Situations* as well as training guides for various aspects of the ministry. He authored several books and publications, including *Revelation Now: Viewing the Tragedies and Triumphs of Believers, Building Faith Now and Achievement*. His publications extended beyond local venues and were disseminated to international audiences. He incorporated his own publishing company, Dorkeo Inc and his texts were distributed through a variety of formats including print, digital, audio, and visual.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of Reverend Dr. Shellie Sampson. Educator, Spiritual Leader, and a true American Hero.

IN HONOR OF DAVID R. GREEN

HON. JUAN VARGAS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor David R. Green for his outstanding and invaluable service to the community, his service to the United States of America, and congratulate him on his retirement.

David R. Green began his healthcare administration services career in 1974. During his 40-year career he served as chief executive officer at seven Southern California hospitals and was an administrator of five different skilled nursing facilities. Additionally, David R. Green served on a number of healthcare boards, including but not limited to, the California Hospital Association Board and CHA Rural Hospitals Board.

During David R. Green's tenure at the El Centro Regional Medical Center (ECRMC), which began in 2003, officials completed construction of a two-story, 60-bed addition consisting of a state-of-the-art Intensive Care Unit. He also expanded the emergency department, surgical suites and outpatient services with the acquisition of the Oncology/Hematology of Imperial Valley clinic and the Imperial Valley Wound Healing Center, and the hospital's laboratory underwent an extensive renovation.

David R. Green has exhibited dedication to ECRMC's patients and staff and commitment

to expanding and improving healthcare services in Imperial County the last eleven years. I applaud David R. Green for his distinguished service to California, the Imperial Valley community, California's 51st Congressional District, and the nation.

H.R. 4870, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2015

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 3, 2014

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise an issue for consideration as we move towards conference on this bill. When we considered the NDAA several weeks ago, an amendment that I submitted with Mr. ROONEY of Florida was adopted by voice vote to ensure that TRICARE beneficiaries with developmental disabilities have access to behavioral health treatment, specifically a therapy known as applied behavior analysis, or ABA.

The provision streamlines access to care by moving coverage of ABA under TRICARE Basic, removing caps on coverage, ensuring access to providers, and allowing all children with developmental disabilities access to these services.

However, because of the obscure way that a small class of TRICARE beneficiaries' benefits are funded, additional appropriations language is needed to make sure these children get the care they deserve.

I had planned to offer an amendment that would just clarify that retirees and their dependents of the Coast Guard, Commissioned Corps of NOAA, and Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service Corps can have these specific ABA treatments made available by the NDAA, funded out of the Defense Health Program.

By doing this, we would fulfill the legislative intent captured in section 704 of the NDAA which ensures access to ABA in TRICARE and states that we intend to ensure appropriate and equitable access to such treatment for all TRICARE beneficiaries.

While I will not offer the amendment at this time, I would appreciate the opportunity to work with Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN and Ranking Member VISCLOSKEY as we go to conference to make sure that all TRICARE beneficiaries are able to access the care they need.